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**FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS LOUISVILLE COUPLE ON SIX COUNTS OF  
METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING**  
*-Metro escapee lead authorities to meth lab*

LOUISVILLE, KY - Charles E. James, age 61, and Theresa Livers, age 44, both of Louisville, Kentucky, were found guilty by a federal jury in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, of drug charges, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The jury's verdict of guilty was returned following a four-day trial before Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court.

Charles and Livers were convicted of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, attempt to manufacture methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of the chemical pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine, and possession of other equipment, chemicals, and materials for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine. James, who had been previously convicted of a drug possession felon, was also convicted of illegally possessing a firearm.

James and Livers were arrested in November 2005 when a methamphetamine laboratory was discovered in the residence they occupied and in an adjoining garage. Police first went to the residence in search of an inmate escaped who had escaped from the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections (LMDC), believing that the escapee's girlfriend was living at the

residence. While searching the residence for the escapee, the police discovered equipment, chemicals and materials consistent with a methamphetamine laboratory both in the residence and in an adjoining garage. Among the items recovered was 238 grams of pseudoephedrine, an essential ingredient in the making of methamphetamine. Witnesses at the trial testified that the pseudoephedrine recovered together with the other equipment and materials found at residence were capable of producing more than 100 grams of methamphetamine which sells on the street for approximately \$100 per gram. The police also found a quantity of finished methamphetamine at the residence.

Among other items recovered during the search were several firearms, including a shotgun, .22 caliber rifle, and 9mm pistol. Because of James' 1987 felony conviction in Texas for illegal possession of drug, he is prohibited from possessing any firearm. The jury convicted James for illegally possessing the gun found during the search.

Both James and Livers face a maximum potential prison term of Life. Because of his prior drug felony James faces a minimum prison term of 20 years, a maximum fine of \$18,750,000, and supervised release for a period of not less than 10 years following the completion of any prison term other than life. Livers faces a minimum prison term of 10 years, a maximum fine of \$8,500,000, and not less than 5 years on supervised release following the completion any prison term other than life.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert J. Kilmartin and Mac Shannon. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with Louisville Metro Corrections Department as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

James and Livers will be sentenced by United States District Judge Thomas B. Russell in Louisville. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

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